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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/786,334

Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: February 26, 2004

Examiner: C. Nguyen

For: A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE HAVING A
DUMMY CONDUCTIVE FILM AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE
SAME (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 22,
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as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

direction, along a second side of the substrate surface portion. The second portion of the conductive film is disposed over end portions of the element forming regions. Clearly, Shimizu does not teach or suggest this arrangement.

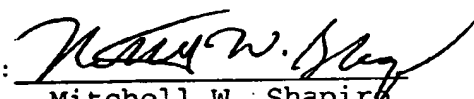
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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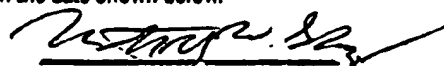
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BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))						770	
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(j))	9	minus 20 =	X	=	X	18	=
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	1	minus 3 =	X	=	X	86	=
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))					+290		
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